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HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1891.

TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL VON CAPRIVI HONOURED.

LONDON, December 21st.

The Emperor of Germany has made the

Imperial Chancellor General von Caprivi a

count.

ZANZIBAR.

In February next Zanzibar will be declared a

free port.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Zinnel* arrived to-day from Shanghai.

At a largely attended meeting of licensing

justices yesterday the adjourned application of

K. Shellin for a licence for a house in Jubilee

Street was granted.

Cholly.—I—I—I—called to ask—er—

Her Papa (deep in his papers)—Yes, yes; you

may have her! Take my blessing! This is my

busy day! Get out!

An Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No.

618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall,

Zeland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock

precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Sea Captain.—There is no hope! The ship is

doomed! The ship is doomed! In an hour we

shall all be dead.

Seaside Passenger.—Thank heaven!

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Gibb,

Livington & Co.) that the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s

steamer *Guthrie*, from Australia, left Port Darwin

yesterday for this port, and may be expected to

arrive on the 31st inst.

"So you were playing cards for money?" said

the Judge.

"No, sir, we were playing for chips."

"Well, sir, it's all the same thing; you got

your chips cashed for money at the end of the

game, I suppose."

"No, sir."

"No! How's that?"

"At the end of the game I didn't have any

chips, your Honor."

"You're discharged," said the Judge, and he

snapped it out so quick that the Sheriff turned

He—My lips never uttered a word of love to

any woman before.

She—How did you manage to speak through

your nose?

THE *Asiatic*, which was burnt in Kobe har-

bour, and had to be scuttled, has been raised

and is now being overhauled. The *Cape City*,

which capsized and sank in Nagasaki harbour,

has now been completely repaired and despatched

to Shanghai.

Mrs. De Riche (who has been trying to snub

Trotter)—Are you really going to the Schuyler

Van Pelt's dinner? Why, I didn't imagine that

you knew them.

Judge—Have you anything to say before

sentences is passed?

Prisoner—Nothing, only I wouldn't be here if

it wasn't for ignorance of the law.

Judge—Your ignorance of the law is no excuse.

Prisoner—Taint my ignorance I'm talkin'!

about it's yours.

THE Post Office will be closed on Friday

(Christmas day) and Saturday the 26th inst.

except from 8 to 9 a.m. Correspondence can be

posted as on Sunday. Correspondence for the

Peak and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m.

The Night-Box will be kept open. The Money

Order office will be closed entirely on both days.

Duncan (to tombstone agent)—I want to order

a tombstone for my mother-in-law.

Agent—Very well. What sort of an inscription

do you want?

Duncan—"Gone to her eternal rest."

Agent—Anything else?

Duncan (after a long pause)—You might add

"Thank God!"

Miss Fannie Inawim (to Uncle Jay, from the

country, who has been asked to carve in the

absence of the host)—Uncle Jay, I'd like some

more dressing.

Uncle Jay (glaring critically at Miss Fannie's

decadent dinner costume)—Well, b'gosh! I shall

think you would. You need it bad enough, Lord

knows.

ON Christmas day (Friday) at St. Peter's

Seamen's Church Divine Service will be held at

11 a.m. (Offering for "Ship-wrecked Mariners'")

Society. At the Seamen's Reading Room a

social evening will be held, commencing at 7

o'clock, when there will be Christmas Hymns and

carols, recitations, readings, &c., with instru-

mental musical. All are cordially invited.

"Fair charmer," exclaimed the enraptured

youth, "be mine!"

"Alas, Adolphus!" sighed the lovely creature,

"there are obstacles in the way!"

"Name them," cried impetuously.

"Nonsense, Iphigenia! Lucille, Helen and

Arabella—my grandchildren, you know. They

might not like you."

And the wild winds moaned and whistled

without, and the sun sank like a huge ball of

frozen blood in the gloomy west.

"So this is the School or Journalism?"

"Yes, sir," replied the guide.

"I suppose these young men who are writing

so industriously are to fill responsible positions?"

"Oh, not necessarily. That is the reporters'

class."

"And who are the men who merely make one

straight line after the other?"

"S-b—-you might disturb them. They are

developing their muscles to fit themselves as

editors. That is the blue pencil exercise."

At the Regular Meeting of Victoria Lodge, No.

1035, held on Tuesday, the 22nd December,

1891, Bro. M. J. Scott was installed as Worship-

ful Master, and the following officers were

installed:—

Senior Warden.....Bro. J. W. Butt.

Junior Warden.....Bro. F. Lennox Lloyd.

Treasurer.....Wor. Dr. Westley Layton.

Secretary.....A. O'D. Gourd.

Senior Deacon.....S. L. Darby.

Junior Deacon.....C. D. Wilkinson.

Dir. of Ceremonies.....

Steward.....F. D. Goldard.

Inner Guard.....W. Hewton.

Tiler.....J. R. Grimble.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS:

Inward.

Galle.....Steamer, from San Francisco.

Slam....." " Singapore.

Felix....." " Canton.

Edna....." " Mol.

H. Lister....." " Saigon.

Aggregating 10,624 tons, register.

Outward.

Namhang.....Steamer, for Canton.

Singan....." " Canton.

Mongkul....." " Swatow, &c.

Marle....." " Chiofo.

Aggregating 3,679 tons, register.

It is a serious sign that the times are out of

joint when a London financial paper begins to

talk like this:—"We very much doubt if Russia

will get through the coming winter without

seeing the assassination of the Czar and a

Republi declared. And if so, Germany, ruled

to-day by a young prig, will follow suit. And

indeed, we can see the day when the new

emperor will be crowned in the new capital,

and hang over the lot. Although we all seem

to believe that England is a monarchial, do not

let us hug the idea too closely to our bosoms.

The Queen has scandalized the nation with the

births and salaries given to these German

Tecks, or Christians, or Battenbergs, and any

day we may see the whole system of

government changed. Well, what will it matter

to the crowd? Victoria has "absorbed" (good

word, that) as much cash as she can ever spend,

and if the Prince of Wales has chosen to dis-

count an inheritance he may never get, it is his

own look-out."

THE public meeting which was called for this

afternoon did not realise the success that its

organizers and supporters hoped for—thanks to

the action of Mr. H. L. Denny, Secretary of the

City Hall. The St. Andrews Hall was engaged

early this morning and the usual fee was duly

paid by Mr. Denny, who, however, did not

covered at the last moment that as a public

meeting should be called by the Registrar,

the Committee did not now see their way to

grant the request that had been made to

them. Comment upon this action would be

superfluous, and we, with all confidence, com-

ment to the due attention of the general public.

Upon being made acquainted with the difficulties

which stood in the way of a meeting being

called at St. Andrews' Hall, a member of the

"Public Defence Committee" called upon Mr.

Horspool, the Capt. Supt. of Police, and solicited

the privilege of holding a public meeting outside

the City Hall. This request, however, being

outside the province of Mr. Horspool's power,

was necessarily refused. At the appointed time

Mr. W. P. Maclean, who acted as spokesman for

the Committee, explained that the meeting could

not be held in St. Andrews' Hall owing to the

necessary formalities not being adhered to, but

stated that a meeting would be convened for

to-morrow or an early date, due notice of which

would be given.

Stella—George kissed me last evening for the

first time.

Cara—Did you enjoy it?

Stella—Yes, but I wasn't quite ready when he

kissed, and we failed to harmonize.

Young Lady—Do you think it immodest for

ladies to ride bicycles?

Bicycle—Oh, the riding is all right enough,

but—er—I don't think they ought to take

headers.

A PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

MINHINNETT V. FRASER-SMITH.

The attention of the Editor has been directed

to a comment which appeared in this journal on

the 21st inst., in reference to an observation

made by Chief Justice Sir James Russell in

response to the defendant's application for right

of appeal. This comment, which it is not

necessary to detail, was entirely uncalled for and

unjustified, and had the Editor of the *Telegraph*

been at his post it is, we hope, unnecessary to

say that it would have never appeared in

print. We are only acting honestly in publicly

stating that the offensive remark above referred

political? They are supposed to do so; but do they do it? No, we answer, they do not; for the simple reason that their liberties—God forbid that we should call them such—are converted into restrictions; restrictions, which, in their turn, are converted into the exercise of power by the political class, and only channel being one despotically subordinated as the *passant* partout between Scylla and Charybdis.

Have we returned to the days of good old Queen Bess? When Giles Fletcher, after his Russian embassy, congratulated himself with having escaped with his head, and, on his return, wrote a book called "The Russian Commonwealth," describing its tyranny, Elizabeth forbade the publishing of the work; the English Russian merchants were frightened; they petitioned the queen to suppress the work; the original petition now existing amongst the Lansdowne manuscripts. Or are we living in a time parallel to that when King William the Third accorded to the Press that liberty as expressed in his reply to the Danish ambassador? The latter complained to the king of the freedom which Lord Moleworth had exercised on his (the Danish Minister's) master's government in his "Account of Denmark," and hinted that if a Dane had done the same thing with the King of England, he would, on complaint, have taken the author's head off. "That I cannot do," replied the queen, "of a free people, but if you please, I will tell him what you say, and he shall put it into the next edition of his book."

Comparisons, we know, are odious, yet at times, when the system is out of order, it is often necessary to take a bitter pill in order to rectify the disease, and it very often happens, as in this case of the liberties of the Hongkong Press, that the remedy is much more noxious than the disease itself. We have returned, as it were, to the days of Queen Elizabeth's time, when a set of dictators styling themselves "Lords of the Press" were in vogue. "You have to do this, and you are not to do that," is the policy of the present day in "Indexers" whose business it is to tell us what to write, and after that which they have told us to write, is written, to examine it and see that there is no portion that might contain a single position, an ambiguous sentence, even a word, which, in the most distant sense, could be construed opposite to the doctrines of the supreme authority (?) of our most gracious governmental "Council of Trent"; by whom it seems to have been exacted—judging from recent events—that all men, literate and illiterate, prince and peasant, cosmopolitans or natives of the soil, should take the stamp of their thoughts from the said "Council of Trent," and a million of souls be struck off at one blow, out of the same used mould.

Of a verity, there is no room for doubting that the whole expurgatory process adopted by our Hongkong "Council of Trent" must inevitably draw off the life-blood of the Hongkong Press, and leave its writers mere spectres, while the process in itself, as Milton so aptly says, "rates through the entrails of many an old good author, with a violation worse than any could be offered to his tomb."

We are really afraid we shall have to adopt William the Third's advice in order to regain lost prestige, and to publish on one day that which we may expect to re-publish the day following, with an explicative to the effect that Mr. So-and-so, says that "this and that" are not in accordance with *his* views, notwithstanding the fact that they are *his*. Or, if we do not adopt this plan we must need patiently wait for the return of the *millia imperiosa* when the right hands of the writer and publisher, who did not speak and act in accordance with the advice of the expurgatory "Council of Trent," were cut off by the public executioner; and we shall, when asked, or considering it as our duty to them, convey the public thought, opinion and sentiment to the mediocrity of the poems of a public journal, be able to cry with Poe's *Raven*, in a mournful voice,

"NEVER-MORE."

[The above article was written by Mr. J. H. Hollander, who was at that time a reporter on our staff, on the 12th September, 1891. We came across it in going through some old papers the other day and now publish it as a literary curiosity.—Ed.]

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. Co.'s steamship *Galka*, Capt. Pearce, with the American mails of the 26th ulto., arrived in harbour last night. We extract the following telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges:—

LONDON, November 21th.
Although restrictions are entirely removed from the use of the cable for news transmission from Brazil, very few dispatches are being received. The indications are that everything is resuming its normal condition; that the new Government is in sympathy with the dominant political party, and that the mandates of the Constitution will resume their sway.

The Exchange Telegraph Company published a private dispatch from Para to-day. According to this the abdication of Fonseca and his succession by Peixoto as President are well received in that city and State. This would indicate that everywhere throughout Brazil the change of President is received with approval. A discussion between army and navy are now causing disquiet.

November 21th.
William Henry Hulbert has more grief ahead, for the Scotland Yard detectives are awaiting him at Queenstown with a warrant for his arrest. Miss Gladys Evelyn was summoned at the Bowstreet Police Court on Monday, where the information was sworn. Sir John Bridge then issued a warrant for Hulbert's arrest and perjury. The delay in bringing the warrant is due to the time occupied by detectives in getting to all the places in England and France where Miss Evelyn lived and Hulbert visited her. The result of the search was made known to the Solicitor-General, who advised the prosecution. This may make a friction between him and the Attorney-General, Sir Richard Webster, who avowed his belief of the innocence of his client, Hulbert, even during the trial, causing the Master of the Rolls to sneer at his pathetic allusion to "this poor old man of 64."

NEW YORK, November 21th.
The Herald's Rio de Janeiro cable says: Alves, who has been appointed Minister of Finance, is considered an able man. Rio is quiet, and business has been generally resumed.

LONDON, November 21th.
The successful proclamation at Rio de Janeiro has been received with satisfaction here. The downfall of Da Fonseca is considered by the Brazilian colony in this city as a return to the paths of law and order. By Article XLII of the Brazilian Constitution, if by any circumstance the Presidency becomes vacant during the first two years of a Presidential term a new election must be held by the direct suffrage of the nation.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 21th.
The press of this city are continually publishing vehement denunciations of the merchants who are holding grain for an advance and clamor for the Government to compel them to sell their grain, or that it be confiscated against vouchers of future payment, as was done during the Crimean war; it may be true

fully said that the news from the famine-stricken districts of Russia does not in the least degree take from the horrors of the condition that now confronts thousands upon thousands of the *Czar's* subjects. No body can estimate the number of deaths that will result from starvation and cold during the winter. The area affected by the famine comprises a section of the empire equalling in size nearly half the area of the United States, with a population of more than 4,000,000 souls. In many districts no winter sowing whatever has been done, and consequently the inhabitants have nothing to look forward to. The hope that they may be able to exist through the coming winter lies in the fact that the Government is taking most energetic measures to help the sufferers, and it is believed under the direction of the new Central Familee Committee, of which the *Carew* is President, the methods of relief will be more systematic and effectual. The hunger-stricken peasants are daily becoming more lawless and the acts of brigandage occur more and more frequently.

BERLIN, November 21th.
In the navy estimates for 1892, provision is made for the annual addition to the navy of 2,300 men until upward of 20,000 men are gradually added to the effective strength of the navy, more than doubling the present war strength. The torpedo corps will be increased by 750 men and the estimates provide 1,800 officers, and chief mates will be gradually added. The war-ships now afloat have only about one-third their full complement and these proposed re-enforcements are considered necessary in view of the state of preparation of the French fleet.

RIO JANEIRO, November 21th.
President Peixoto promulgated a manifesto which was received with general satisfaction. In this he altogether abandons the arbitrary and dictatorial authority assumed by Da Fonseca, and declares the legal order of affairs is re-established. As a consequence of this general statement, the manifesto announces the dissolution of Congress decreed by Da Fonseca, is annulled, and the state of siege in the Federal District raised. The manifesto summons Congress to reassemble December 13th and resume its functions. This proclamation makes it clear that the new President does not in any way sympathize with the policy inaugurated by Da Fonseca, and that he proposes to do all in his power to restore the political situation to its normal condition. Pereira, Minister of Justice, will take charge temporarily of the Ministries of Public Instruction and Interior.

TACOMA, November 21th.
Near Canton Station, on the Northern Pacific Railroad, seventy-two miles east of Tacoma, several thousand yards of stone fell to-day from a high bluff overhanging Green River. The track is covered for a distance of sixty feet. Some of a gang of men working on the track were buried.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

The German Government ask this year \$9,000,000 more for artillery purposes. Madrid has sold his portrait of Queen Isabella to a Spanish gentleman for 50,000 francs.

The United States is the first nation in the world's history to have three cities of over 1,000,000 population each.

The women in Boston have been compelled to begin a crusade against expectorating in the highways.

The women of Venezuela use fire-fires for decorating their hair at night. They are fastened with silk thread.

The English tailor has conquered Paris, on no less authority than *Figaro*. His material and cut are now the standard.

One of the presents to Virchow on his seventy-fifth birthday consists of a silver pillar bearing a silver Goddess of Liberty.

It takes six years to paint the great Brooklyn bridge, and as soon as the job is completed it has to be done over again.

Since the Mikado of Japan permitted his subjects to emigrate to other countries nearly 100,000 of them have left their native land.

To show the growth made in the industry of furnishing kindling wood, a single factory in Pennsylvania turns out 5,000,000 bundles a month.

Sir John Millais had a picture in the Academy when only 17 years old, and Michael Angelo at 30 had finished his greatest painting, the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

The latest decorative fad is a cushion covered with the yellow ribbons in which cigars are bunched. They are designed as presents for gentlemen who smoke.

It appears that the poets have been wasting their talent in raving about the sweet-scented flowers. Scientists inform us that 99 per cent of all the flowers are odorless.

Philadelphia has a flourishing woman's club called The Acorn. This seems to indicate that the women of the future intend to play the part of the oak instead of the traditional ivy.

The most northerly railroad in the world, now building, runs from Lulea, a small town on the Gulf of Bothnia, to Eldegaard, within the Arctic circle. It will be ready for use next summer.

A Chemist's mechanic has occupied his time with making a horizontal engine, complete, smaller than anything of the sort ever made. The diameter of the flywheel is two-fifths of an inch.

The first chair of labor ever instituted in Europe was decreed by the Paris Municipal Council last July. Henri Reville has been named as professor. He will lecture at the Hotel de Ville.

The first ten performances of "Lohengrin" in Paris brought in \$40,000. Last month at the Opera Comique "Carmen" was played for the first hundredth time and "Mignon" for the nine hundred and fourteenth.

Balzac, who eschewed tobacco as a weed that injured the body, attacked the intellect and stupefied the nations, drank great quantities of coffee, which produced the terrible nervous disease that shortened his life.

A gray-haired man was found dead in a fence corner near Reading, Pa., recently. The man's death was a mystery until an empty whiskey bottle was found in his pocket. The testimony a whiskey bottle bears is never challenged.

Business in the London fashionable marriage market seems to be unusually active. One leading confectioner received in one day no fewer than thirty-eight orders for brides' cakes, to be delivered during the month.

The tendency in the devising of improved rifle bullets is now to attain increased penetration, and the consequence is that much of the shattering power of the old bullet is lost. Some of the latest bullets are more like a lead pencil in shape than anything else.

At Sassari, in Sardinia, a discharged convict named Dorosetti, actuated by a desire for revenge, shot and killed Dr. Usini and a male and a female peasant, all of whom had been witnesses against him in the trial at which he had been convicted.

Statistics extending over a number of years make it evident that in Prussian hospitals twenty-five out of every 100,000 persons are treated for delirium tremens. In the other States (Baden, Bavaria, Wurttemberg and Saxony) only five for the same ratio.

The chivalric gentleman never boasts of his popularity with women, but the *cos-comb* has the inevitable measure to brag of favors that he has never received, and to represent that he is

an object of admiration in quarters where he is regarded as a nuisance. There is, perhaps, no more pious fibbing done than in the practice of asking for an honest opinion. The world may extol candor and friends may ask you to tell them the exact truth about themselves, but candor is not popular nor the outspoken friend long cherished.

Home-making ought to be by slow processes. The house beautiful from the hands of artists and upholsterers can never be the home complete. As in other things, essentials must be there, but the adornings, the touch of femininity pervading, must be a growth. Your naval cadets of the British training ship *Britannia*, stationed at Portsmouth, were expelled recently for scandalous practices in connection with the system of fagging, making valets of the new arrivals and imposing on them all kinds of indignities as well as all manner of menial work.

No one has yet sent in a million cancelled postage stamps to the Post Office Department, although 200 letters are received annually requesting information about the prize of \$300 which the Government is supposed to offer for that number. How this popular delusion originally started no one can tell.

There has been a pronounced change in the manners and customs of the Quakers in Philadelphia. The women have discarded their little black bonnets and sedate black dresses with black collars for more modern costumes, and their "thous" and "thees" of address are as unfamiliar as their old style of dress.

A woman bee-keeper has won a case in court against a builder who destroyed her swarm of bees which happened to settle in his garden. The bees annoyed him and he took a pall of paraffine and tar and held it under the swarm until they dropped, stupefied, into the flames. The court condemned him for his act and gave the woman damages.

A number of noble families, counts, dukes and barons, still exist in Germany, who were formerly sovereigns and subject only to the Emperor. These retain still one privilege of their sovereign state—freedom from taxation. The German Government is about to purchase that privilege, or rather to pay them a round sum for resigning it and paying their taxes like other citizens.

A German journalist has brought electricity into use for taming wild beasts and preparing them for the circus. The invention consists of a wire whip and a metal foot plate, which extends nearly over the floor of the cage, both being connected with a powerful battery. It is possible by this contrivance to give the animal with every stroke a sharp electric shock. A few shocks are said to be enough to tame any beast.

A novel plan for "raising the wind" has been adopted by the Portuguese Government. Taking advantage of the craze for collecting postage stamps, the authorities propose to issue new series and thus cause the present stock to be bought up immediately by amateurs and merchants. It is thought that many thousands of dollars can be realized by this expedient.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

22nd December, 1891.—At 4 p.m.

| STATION. | Lat. & Long. | Temp. | Humidity. | Wind. | Bar. | Sea. | Remarks. |
|---------------|------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|------|------|----------|
| Wanchow | 22° 15' N. 113° 30' E. | 68 | 75 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| Shanghai | 31° 10' N. 121° 20' E. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| Ningbo | 30° 10' N. 121° 10' E. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| Amoy | 23° 45' N. 118° 10' E. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| Swatow | 23° 30' N. 116° 10' E. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| Hankow | 36° 10' N. 114° 10' E. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| Yokohama | 35° 30' N. 139° 40' E. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| Kobe | 34° 40' N. 135° 10' E. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| Manila | 14° 35' N. 120° 55' E. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| Cebu | 10° 30' N. 123° 45' E. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| Colon | 9° 00' N. 80° 00' W. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| San Francisco | 37° 45' N. 122° 25' W. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| London | 51° 30' N. 0° 00' W. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |

23rd December, 1891.—At 10 a.m.

| STATION. | Lat. & Long. | Temp. | Humidity. | Wind. | Bar. | Sea. | Remarks. |
|---------------|------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|------|------|----------|
| Wanchow | 22° 15' N. 113° 30' E. | 68 | 75 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| Shanghai | 31° 10' N. 121° 20' E. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
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| Colon | 9° 00' N. 80° 00' W. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| San Francisco | 37° 45' N. 122° 25' W. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |
| London | 51° 30' N. 0° 00' W. | 65 | 70 | W. | 30.0 | 1/2 | Clear |

Becomes very dry. Gradients are moderate for wind. Weather cloudy, very dry and rather cool. (read at 10.15 a.m.)

1.—Diameter reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths. 2.—Temperature in Fahrenheit. 3.—Humidity in percentage of saturation. The humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100. 4.—Direction of the wind in points of the compass. 5.—Direction of the surface current in points of the compass. 6.—State of the weather. 7.—Direction of the surface current. 8.—Direction of the surface current. 9.—Direction of the surface current. 10.—Direction of the surface current.

Hongkong Observatory, 23rd December, 1891.

To-day's Advertisements.

ST. JOHN LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 518, S.C.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, 23rd instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 23rd December, 1891. [1538]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "PATHAN" FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods to be landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, to-morrow. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 30th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODD, L. CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1891. [1519]

To-day's Advertisements.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1892.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA, E. L. HUNTER, Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA, T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager, Hongkong.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

For the COMPTON NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, L. GLENAT, Acting Agent.

For the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG, DE WESTLEY LAYTON, Secretary.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, A. B. MCKEAN, Acting Chief Manager, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1891. [1541]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "GAELIC" are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at Wanchai, from whence delivery may be obtained on counter-signature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th inst., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance is effected.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1891. [1542]

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" will be on sale at the Hongkong and Victoria Hotels, opposite the Hongkong Club, and at Pedder's Wharf, EVERY EVENING from 5.30 to 7.30 o'clock.

PRICETEN CENTS. Copies ordered from the Office will be charged the usual rate—25 cents.

Advertisers are reminded that the *Hongkong Telegraph* has by far the largest circulation of any English newspaper published in the Far East. THIS IS GUARANTEED. Terms on application. Hongkong, 14th October, 1891.

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ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 28th December, at 8 for 8.30 p.m., precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 21st December, 1891. [1534]

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY next, the 25th and 26th inst.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA, E. L. HUNTER, Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA, T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

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For the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG, DE WESTLEY LAYTON, Secretary.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, A. B. MCKEAN, Acting Chief Manager, Hongkong, 22nd December, 1891. [1539]

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that FRIDAY next, the 25th instant, being CHRISTMAS DAY, and FRIDAY, the 1st January, 1892, being NEW YEAR'S DAY, will be observed as HOLIDAYS at the Kowloon Customs Office and the Optician Examination Hall.

Work at the Customs Stations, however, will proceed as usual.

J. MCLEAVY BROWN, Commissioner of Customs, for Kowloon & District, Custom House, Kowloon, 18th December, 1891. [1530]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, till 3 o'clock on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, the 29th day of December, 1891, for the purchase of the entire privilege known as the *CELESTIAL FARM* established under *The Imperial Ordinance*, 1881, for three years from March 1st, 1892.

Full information as to conditions of tendering, &c., can be obtained from the Colonial Secretary, by Command.

W. M. GOODMAN, Acting Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1891. [1539]

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